

REMARKS

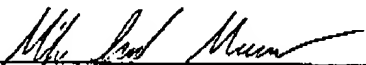
Amendments to the claims have been made to respond to the issues and concerns raised in the Office Action, to clarify aspects in the specification and claims, and to refine claim language. The amendments are believed to be consistent with the disclosure originally filed. The amendments also have been particularly presented to avoid, where applicable, any admission or estoppel, generally, negatively affecting the scope of protection provided by the disclosure and claims of the present application, and also in a manner that avoids prosecution history estoppel, limitation of the scope of equivalences, or the like. Claim 46 has been amended to delete the term "at least" and replace it with the term "about". As discussed in the personal interview, this amendment is believed to resolve certain concerns raised in the Office Action under 35 U.S.C. § 112. In as much as the present submission addresses issues discussed in the personal interview and is a supplement to the Response and Request for Reconsideration, which was itself timely filed, it is believed that the present submission is presented in a timely manner. Consequently, the Applicant respectfully requests consideration of this First Supplement in conjunction with the Response and Request for Reconsideration filed on September 6, 2005.

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Respectfully submitted,

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